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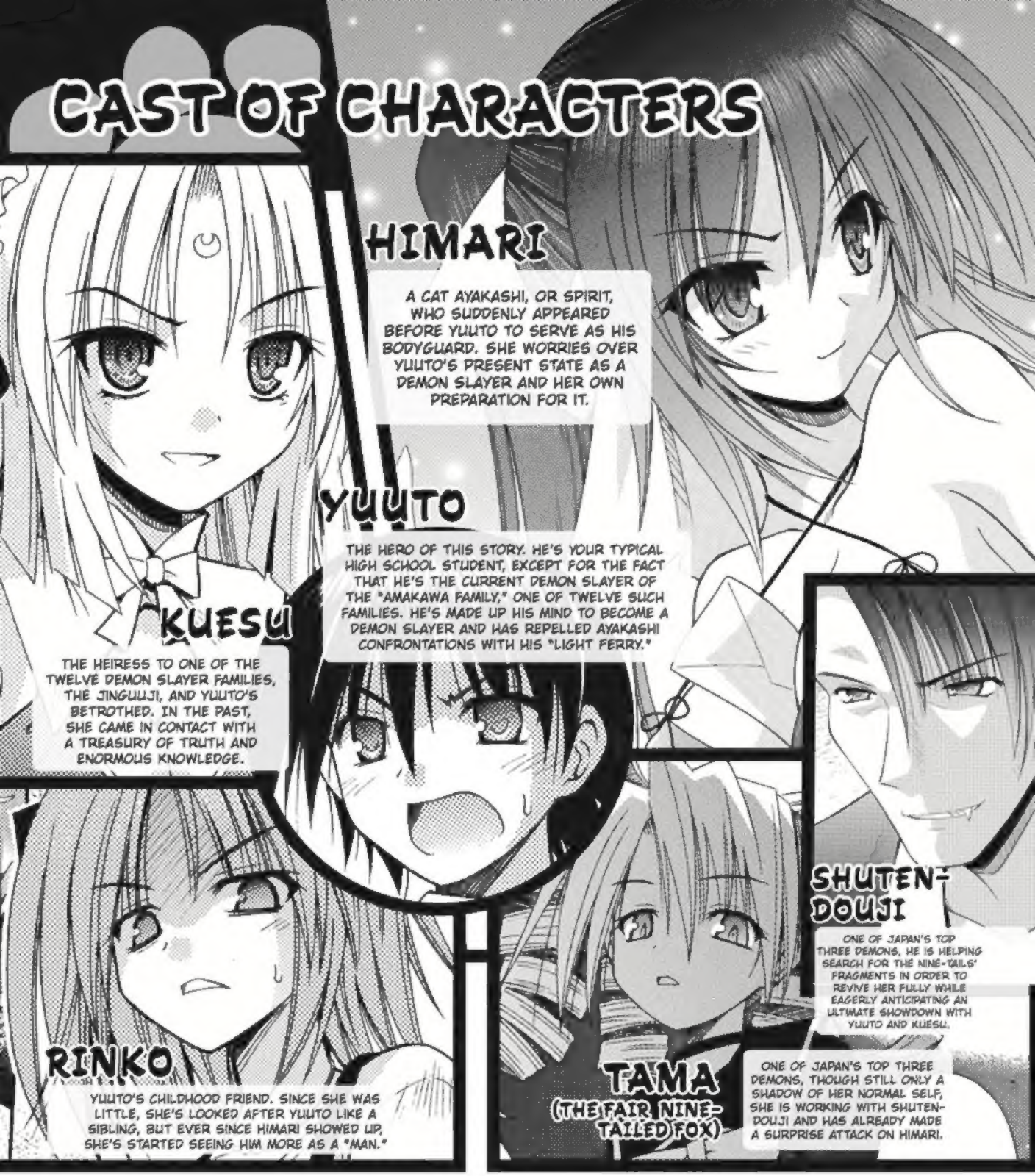

HIMARI

A CAT AYAKASHI, OR SPIRIT, WHO SUDDENLY APPEARED BEFORE YUUTO TO SERVE AS HIS BODYGUARD. SHE WORRIES OVER YUUTO'S PRESENT STATE AS A DEMON SLAYER AND HER OWN PREPARATION FOR IT.

YUUTO

THE HERO OF THIS STORY. HE'S YOUR TYPICAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT HE'S THE CURRENT DEMON SLAYER OF THE "AMAKAWA FAMILY," ONE OF TWELVE SUCH FAMILIES. HE'S MADE UP HIS MIND TO BECOME A DEMON SLAYER AND HAS REPELLED AYAKASHI CONFRONTATIONS WITH HIS "LIGHT FERRY."

KUESU

THE HEIRESS TO ONE OF THE TWELVE DEMON SLAYER FAMILIES, THE JINGUUJI, AND YUUTO'S BETROTHED. IN THE PAST, SHE CAME IN CONTACT WITH A TREASURY OF TRUTH AND ENORMOUS KNOWLEDGE.

RINKO

YUUTO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND. SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE, SHE'S LOOKED AFTER YUUTO LIKE A SIBLING, BUT EVER SINCE HIMARI SHOWED UP, SHE'S STARTED SEEING HIM MORE AS A "MAN."

SHUTEN-DOUJI

ONE OF JAPAN'S TOP THREE DEMONS, HE IS HELPING SEARCH FOR THE NINE-TAILS' FRAGMENTS IN ORDER TO REVIVE HER FULLY WHILE EAGERLY ANTICIPATING AN ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN WITH YUUTO AND KUESU.

TAMA (THE FAIR NINE-TAILED FOX)

ONE OF JAPAN'S TOP THREE DEMONS, THOUGH STILL ONLY A SHADOW OF HER NORMAL SELF, SHE IS WORKING WITH SHUTEN-DOUJI AND HAS ALREADY MADE A SURPRISE ATTACK ON HIMARI.

THE CLASS PRESIDENT

YUUTO'S CLASSMATE AND THE CLASS PRESIDENT. HER NAME IS YUU SHIMAMURA. SHE'S A TOP-NOTCH STUDENT AND OTAKU.

SHIZUKU

AN AYAKASHI WHO CAN MANIPULATE WATER, SHE TRACKED DOWN A DESCENDANT OF THE JIBASHIRI, WHO MASSACRED HER CLAN, AND FELL INTO AN ABYSS OF BLIND RAGE BUT WAS SAVED BY YUUTO'S WORDS AND REGAINED HER SENSES.

KAYA

A ZASHIKI-WARASHI WHO PROTECTS YUUTO'S FAMILY HOME IN NOIHARA. SHE HAS SUPERIOR DEFENSIVE SKILLS AND IS PARTICULARLY STRONG ON THE GROUNDS OF THE PROPERTY. SHE IS EXTREMELY FOND OF HIMARI AND THUS DESPISES YUUTO.

THE STORY SO FAR

YUUTO AMAKAWA IS A HIGH SCHOOLER WITH A SEVERE ALLERGY TO CATS. WHO SHOULD APPEAR BEFORE HIM ONE DAY OTHER THAN A FELINE AYAKASHI, HIMARI?

"I WILL PROTECT YOU, YOUNG LORD,"

SUCH IS THE PROCLAMATION MADE BY HIMARI, HAVING BEEN GIVEN THE DUTY OF PROTECTING YUUTO, THANKS TO A PLEDGE MADE LONG AGO. BUT YUUTO ALSO HAS TO DEAL WITH HIS NEIGHBOR AND CHILDHOOD FRIEND, RINKO, AS WELL AS THE AYAKASHI SHIZUKU, WHO WAS SWAYED BY YUUTO'S KINDNESS AND DECIDED TO LIVE WITH HIM. WITH ALL THESE GIRLS IN HIS LIFE, YUUTO'S DAYS QUICKLY BECOME OFF-THE-WALL AND FULL OF FUN WITH NO END OF SURPRISES.

YUUTO AND HIMARI ARE INVITED TO THE TSUCHIMIKADO ESTATE ALONG WITH THE KAGAMIMORI SISTERS AND HITSUGI. WHEN ASKED WHAT HE THINKS ABOUT HIS SUPERNATURAL POWERS, HE ANSWERS THAT IT IS "A POWER TO PROTECT MY FRIENDS."

"FORGE YOUR EARLIER WORDS UPON YOUR HEART AND MOVE FORWARD. I SHALL STAND BY YOU AS YOUR FOUNDATION."

WITH THOSE LAST WORDS, HIMARI GOES, ALONE, TO A MEETING WITH THE OTHER DEMON SLAYERS.

TSUCHIMIKADO DECIDES THAT HIMARI IS A HAZARD TO YUUTO AND TRIES TO DRAW OUT THE EVIL BEAST THAT LURKS WITHIN HER SO THAT IT CAN BE SEALED AWAY FOR GOOD.

"WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO TO HIMARI!?"

YUUTO COMES SCREAMING ONTO THE SCENE. HIS YELL SHATTERS THE MIRROR REFLECTING HIMARI'S EVIL SIDE. AS HER DARK ALTER EGO STREAMS OUT, SHE COLLAPSES.

THE TWO MANAGE TO ESCAPE AND ARE LATER TOLD BY KUESU THAT MISSION "SUBJUGATION OF THE FAIR-FACED NINE-TAILED FOX AND SHUTEN-DOUJI" WILL BE CARRIED OUT SOON.

MEANWHILE, RINKO INVITES THE NINE-TAILS TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK IN THE HOPES OF PERSUADING HER TO CHANGE HER MIND ABOUT DOING BATTLE. HOWEVER, SHE DOESN'T HEED HER WORDS AND INSTEAD RINKO ENDS UP BEING THROWN FROM THE FERRIS WHEEL.

"HATRED, GRIEF, JEALOUSY, HUMILIATION... THERE ARE SOME AYAKASHI WHO CAN MAKE USE OF THOSE NEGATIVE FEELINGS."

AFTER THE NINE-TAILS LEAVES THE AMUSEMENT PARK, SHE GOES TO HIMARI, WHO IS AT HOME WATCHING THE HOUSE, AND LAUNCHES A SURPRISE ATTACK!!

MENAGERIE 56: THE NIGHT BREEZE BLOWS ON THE CAT

YOUNG LORD, HOW CAME YOU UPON THE DECISION TO RESIDE ALL ALONE IN THIS COMMODIOUS HOUSE?
DID YOU NOT FEEL FORLORN?
IF I WAS GOING TO BE LIVING ALONE ANYWAY, I FIGURED IT'D BE THE SAME NO MATTER WHERE I WENT.
SO I NEVER EVEN GAVE A THOUGHT TO MOVING AWAY.
ZUUU (SIIIP)
IS THAT SO?
I DON'T RECALL MUCH ABOUT MY CHILD-HOOD, BUT...
...THIS PLACE HAS A LOT OF MEMORIES OF MY MOM AND DAD.
I AM SORRY.
I AM SO SORRY, YOUNG LORD!

SFX: TA (TMP) TA TA TA TA

I SHALL MAKE HER PAY MORE DEARLY THAN SHE EVER HAS SINCE THE TIME OF THE HEIAN PERIOD.
SHE SHALL WISH SHE HAD ALWAYS REMAINED A FRAGMENT!

MENAGERIE 56: THE NIGHT BREEZE BLOWS ON THE CAT

AYA!!
HERE I AM.
HIRA (FLOAT)
BA (WHIP)
I SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING DOWNSTAIRS, SO I TOOK IT UPON MYSELF TO ESCAPE AHEAD OF TIME.
SHURIN (SWISH)
ZA ZA (ZIP)
YOUR COWARDICE INSPIRED A GOOD JUDGMENT CALL FOR ONCE...YOU KNOW.
ZA ZA
AYA, WHAT IS WITHIN YOUR STOMACH NOW?
ALL YOUR SWORDS, INCLUDING YASUTSUNA, AND A NUMBER OF YOUR CLOTHES, HIMARI-SAMA.
PERFECT.

I AM NOT SIMPLY A MESSENGER.
SHALL I REGURGITATE THEM NOW?
NO, THANK YOU.
ZAAAA (ZOOOOOM)
...YOU'LL SWALLOW SOMEONE ELSE'S UNDERGARMENTS TOO? ...YOU KNOW.
I'LL USE THE RESERVOIR IN THE NORTH PARK... YOU KNOW.
GIVE ME TWENTY MINUTES.
VERY WELL.
KI (SCREE)
!
I'LL TAKE YOU TO A WATER SOURCE!
(UHHN (VRRRR)
GET IN!
HIMARI-SAMA!

...I DON'T MIND A LITTLE GAME OF TAG BEFORE MY MEAL.
BA (LEAP)
BA
I ENJOY DOING THE CHASING, NOT BEING CHASED.
I AM AFRAID I DO NOT SWING THAT WAY.

PO (GLOW)
...ALL DONE?
!
KLEDULKA ILEMALDA TODAKA.
SOMADU MURONO CALIDOA.
KNOWING KUESU, SHE MUST NEED A REALLY STRONG ONE.
...TO KEEP THEIR MAGICAL ENERGY IN CHECK AND PREVENT A SHOCK TO THE BODY... ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
YOU MAY BE KUESU'S FRIEND, BUT WHY IS SOMEONE FROM THE YAKOUIN FAMILY HERE FOR THIS SECRET CEREMONY?
ALL JINGUUJI WITCHES IMPLANT A LIMITER WITHIN THEM-SELVES...

AMA-KAWA... AGAIN?
KUH HEE HEE.
SARA (FWSH)
I WAS HAVING HER WATCH OVER YUUTO AMAKAWA'S ACTIONS... WHILE I WAS UNDERGOING THE PROCE-DURE...
... MOTHER.
...MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, DO YOU FEEL ANY DISCOMFORT ANYWHERE, KUESU?
? NO, WHY?
MY BODY FEELS FINE.
AND THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS WITH THE LIMITER, RIGHT?
...GOOD, THEN.

MOTHER!
BA (WHIP)
KUESU JINGUUJI MOVE OUT ON THE ATTACK AT ONCE!!
I'M GETTING A FULL FRONTAL HERE, KUESU KUH-HEE-HEE
PAKKURI (GAPE)
KUESU. KUESU.
WHAT IS IT?
I HAVE FOOTAGE FROM THE AMUSEMENT PARK SECURITY CAMERA FROM SEVEN MINUTES AND TWENTY-THREE SECONDS AGO...YOU WANNA SEE?
I WOULD LIKE TO GET DRESSED FIRST
.....
...LET'S DROP THE ACT, MA'AM.
KOKI (CRIK)
IN ENGLAND, KUESU CAME INTO CONTACT WITH THE TRUTHS AND LAWS OF EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD. HER LIMITER WON'T BE OF MUCH USE.

IF YOUR AVERAGE SORCERESS MERELY GLANCED AT SUCH MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF KNOWLEDGE, IT WOULD MAKE HER GO CRAZY. BUT KUESU'S BODY READILY ABSORBED IT.
THERE'S NO WAY THAT A MEASLY JINGUUJI SEAL WILL WORK ON HER.
KUESU'S GOING TO MAKE A NAME FOR HERSELF IN THE DEMON-SLAYER AND AYAKASHI WORLDS.
WHETHER SHE LIKES IT OR NOT.
AND SHE'S GOING TO LOSE A LOT OF THINGS TOO...
THE LEAST YOU COULD DO IS NOT FORGET THE MOTHERLY SIDE OF YOU THAT WISHES ONLY FOR HER DAUGHTER'S HAPPINESS.

...TRUTH BE TOLD, EVEN THOUGH I'M SAD ABOUT IT, I ALSO LIKE IT WHEN KUESU ACTS ALL TOUGH AND SAYS, "TH-THAT'S NOT TRUE!"
KUH HEE HEE
IN FACT, THAT'S MY PRIORITY.
—!!!

THOUGH THE SUN'S SET, THIS PARK DOESN'T CLOSE FOR A WHILE YET.
I'M SORRY, YUUTO. I COULDN'T GET THE CLASS PRESIDENT BACK.
DESPITE THE FACT THAT THIS IS WHEN THE MONSTERS COME OUT TO PLAY.
"THESE GUYS"... YOU SAY?
THE REASON SHE'S BEEN ACTING SO WEIRD WAS 'COS OF THESE GUYS!
SO YOU ARE INCLUDING ME AS WELL...
SU (SWF)
ZASHU (SLISH)
BASHI (BZZT)
...ARE YOU!?

OOH... MOST IMPRESSIVE.
SHU (SWISH)
YOU HAVE BECOME SOMEWHAT CAPABLE, I SEE.
RINKO, DON'T LET GO.
I CAN'T HAVE YOU GET TAKEN HOSTAGE TOO.
GYUUU (HUG)
O-OKAY, I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
MINAMOTO NO RAIKOU.

HUH ...?
DO YOU KNOW OF HIM?
J-JUST FROM THE LEGENDS AND WHAT I'VE LEARNED ...
THEN YOU KNOW WHAT TOOK PLACE IN THE PALACE ON MOUNT OOE.
IT SEEMS TO BE A RATHER FAMOUS STORY.
A-AM I DUMB FOR NOT KNOWING ANY OF THIS?
RAIKOU WAS A MAN WHO KILLED SHUTEN-DOUJI IN THE CAPITAL LONG AGO.
...YES. WE INVITED RAIKOU AND HIS MEN TO MY PALACE AND WARMLY RECEIVED THEM WITH A FEAST.
AFTER ALL, I HAD NEVER HAD SAMURAI AS MY GUESTS OF HONOR BEFORE.
HOWEVER, THEY CAME FOR DIFFERENT REASONS ALTOGETH-ER.
GYU! (CLENCH)
ギュ

WHAT DID THEY DO?
...THEY HAD HIM DRINK POISONED SAKE THAT THEY'D BROUGHT AS A GIFT.
...THAT'S MORE OR LESS HOW IT WENT.
PHEW
!!
THAT'S TER-RIBLE ...
WITH SHUTEN PARALYZED, RAIKOU WAS ABLE TO EASILY BEHEAD HIM WITH YASUTSUNA. AT LEAST THAT'S HOW THE STORY GOES.
I'M JUST GLAD THEY DID NOT DISTORT THE TRUTH AS IT WAS PASSED ON.
BUT, BUT! THAT WAS 'COS YOU GUYS USED TO DO AWFUL THINGS TO PEOPLE.
NEITHER OF YOU WAS BETTER THAN THE OTHER!
THAT IS JUST HOW YOU HUMANS JUSTIFY IT.
SO THIS TIME I WANT TO HAVE A FIGHT TO THE DEATH, FAIR AND SQUARE. NO FUNNY BUSINESS.

HOW COME YOU'RE MANIP-ULATING THE CLASS PRESIDENT THEN!?
YOU'RE ALL TALK!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
BA (WHAP)
...BE-CAUSE I AM IN TAMA-SAN'S DEBT.
I CAN-NOT CRITI-CIZE HER AC-TIONS.
MY FRAGMENTED SELF FLOATED IN THE REALM BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH FOR SO LONG THAT I FELL INTO A STUPOR UNTIL I WAS DRAWN FORTH BY A POWERFUL DEMONIC FORCE.
THAT WAS TAMA-SAN.
EVEN IF IT WAS NOT HER INTENTION, I WAS GRANTED THE CHANCE TO EXIST IN THIS WORLD ONCE MORE.
FOR THAT I AM GRATE-FUL.
THAT IS WHY I WANT TO HELP HER IN ANY WAY I CAN...WHAT-EVER SHE WISHES.

!
THAT'S AWFULLY ADMIRABLE FOR SOMEONE WHO STANDS AT THE TOP OF THE DEMON ORDER.
YOUR STORY'S SO TOUCHING, IT ALMOST BRINGS ME TO TEARS.
KUESU!?
SHUPAA (FWSH)
WELL, WELL... I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, LADY TWILIGHT MOON.
I WANT TO TELL YOUR OLD SELF...
NO NEED TO WAIT.
...THAT HE WHO LEADS AN ARMY MUST BE PREPARED FOR EVERY POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION PLOT.

HOW GRIM OF YOU.
AND YET YOUR STYLE APPEARS TO BE HEAD-ON ATTACKS.
...WE'RE GOING TO RETREAT FOR NOW, YUU-CHAN.
HUH?
THAT'S NOT TYPICAL!
THAT LITTLE SQUIRT HAS YET TO SET UP HER HIGH-LEVEL FORCE FIELD.
AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT WHAT TAMAMONOMAE MAY DO.
-ZA- (SKSH)
Y-YOU'RE RIGHT!
THIS PLACE HAS TOO MANY CIVILIANS. THEY'LL GET IN THE WAY.
I'LL PREPARE A STAGE WHERE I CAN FIGHT USING MY FULL POWER. SO IF YOU WANT TO PLAY WITH ME, COME AND GET ME.
SHU (SSSHHH)

HEH-HEH-HEH. WHAT A CHEAP TAUNT... VERY WELL, I ACCEPT.
HEY! DON'T FORGET ABOUT ME!!
SHALL I GIVE YOU A LIFT THEN?
NIKO (SMILE)
KURU (FWIP)
NO, THANK YOU!!
HOW DID I KNOW YOU WOULD SAY THAT?
KI (GLARE)
GOHYU (ZWOOSH)

...THE YOUNG BOY IS BUSY WITH SHUTEN... SORRY.
HIMARI-SAMA, PARTAKING IN UNRE-STRAINED ACTION WHILE WEARING THAT IS A LITTLE... RISKY, TO SAY THE LEAST.
MROWR!
MROWR!
THAT IS WHY I AM GOING!!
HISSS!
YOU PERSIS-TENT LITTLE FOX!
LET ME GO TO MY YOUNG LORD!!
CURSES! I WISH TO SLAY HER IMMEDIATELY FOR HAVING DESTROYED THE YOUNG LORD'S BELOVED HOME, BUT...
...I AM ANXIOUS FOR HIS SAFETY.
!!
HIMARI-SAMA!!

MILADY PRESI-DENT...!
KUH ...!
!!
ZA (ZIP)
ZA
BA (WHIP)
ZA
ZA
GA (CLANG)
GIN (TIING)

...KAYA?
Y-YOU IDIOT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
I HEARD FROM AYA THREE DAYS AGO!
SHE SAID THE FINAL BATTLE DRAWS NEAR!
I DID NOT THINK YOU WOULD ACTUALLY COME.
YOU DO NOT DO WELL IN THE BIG CITY

IT'S NOT FAIR, HIMARI! IT'S SO ONE-SIDED HOW YOU'RE ALWAYS THE ONE PROTECTING EVERYONE ELSE!
NOT JUST HIM, BUT ME TOO! DON'T ALWAYS SHOULDER ALL THE RESPON-SIBILITY ALONE!
LET ME PROTECT YOU TOO, HIMARI!!
B-BUT YOU ARE...
BASA (FLAP)
...YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY JUST TO BE MY PLAYTIME SNACK ...?
SHUT UP!!
KA (FLASH)
!

!!
CAN YOU HANDLE A MEAL WITH A LITTLE KICK?
HAVE A CARE YOU DO NOT END UP THE ONE EATEN.

MENAGERIE 57: WATER, THE CAT, AND THE STRAY HOUSE
SHIZUKU-SAN.
OOOOO (WHOOOOO)
ONLY FIFTY PERCENT OF THE CITY'S POPULATION HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED, BUT...
...I DON'T MIND START-ING WHEN-EVER YOU'RE READY.
SHI-ZUKU!
GOT IT... GOOD WORK... YOU KNOW.
ZA (ZSH)
OOH, YOU'RE ALIVE, YUUTO... YOU KNOW.
AND YOU'RE WITH LITTLE MISS PRIM AND PROPER... YOU KNOW.
DON'T KILL ME FOR THAT.
WHERE'S HIMARI? DID THE NINE-TAILS ATTACK HER?
HMPH!

YOU SAID YOU COULD DO IT, SO PUT UP THE BARRIER NOW.
THE NINE-TAILS IS TAKING ON THE CAT AND FUGURUMA NOW...YOU KNOW.
I'LL GET IT UP ALL RIGHT...
JUST DON'T MESS UP AND LET HIM GET AWAY THIS TIME... YOU KNOW.
SHUTEN-DOUJI WILL BE HERE IN NO TIME.
I DIDN'T MESS ANYTHING UP!!
MY LADY, IF I MAY HAVE A WORD...
UGH, WHAT IS IT NOW?
ZA ZA ZA (SKSH)

MENAGERIE 57: WATER, THE CAT, AND THE STRAY HOUSE

FIRST, I HAVE TO WARN YOU...
YUUTO, YOU HAVE NO MORE HOME TO RETURN TO...YOU KNOW. YOU ARE HOME-LESS.
UH...
IT WAS DESTROYED BEFORE I COULD GET THE STRAY HOUSE TOGETHER... IT COULDN'T BE HELPED.
I SEE.
WELL, AS LONG AS YOU GUYS ARE OKAY, THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO MOVE. IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THE LAST TIME!
.....
...WHETHER WE'RE OKAY OR NOT IS YET TO BE DETERMINED... YOU KNOW.
HUH? DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
JUST TALK-ING TO MYSELF... DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...YOU KNOW.

HM?
NU (REACH)
...THEN I'LL TELL YOU. BEND DOWN... YOU KNOW.
OH, REALLY? NOW I NEED TO KNOW.
GU (GRAB)
CHU (KISS)

SHI...
SHIZU-KU'S...
MMM
SHUPU (SMACK)
FU
CHUUUUUUU (SMOOOOOOCH)
MMM!
CHUPA (POP)
IT'S NO FAIR THAT JUST THE DUMB TEA BAG HAD A GO...YOU KNOW.
I ONLY DID THAT ON IMPULSE, BUT...I'VE GOT NO REGRETS... YOU KNOW.
IF THIS ENDS WELL... I'LL DEMAND SOMETHING EVEN MORE RISQUE FROM YOU... YOU KNOW.
SHI-SHIZU-KU?

SHIZUKU!
TAN (TMP)
I'LL SEE YOU LATER...
...YOU KNOW.

SHI-ZUKU ...
ZAPAAN (KERSPLASH)
YUUTO ...
PLEASE BE CAREFUL, MY LADY.
...WELL? WHAT IS IT?
AND WITH THIS REQUEST WE'VE BEEN GIVEN TO COMPLETELY SUBJUGATE THEM...
MOST PEOPLE IN THE GOVERN-MENT ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE EXISTENCE AND TRUE THREAT OF AYAKASHI.
IT'S A LITTLE LATE TO BE BRINGING THIS UP... IT'S COMMON FOR THE HAVE-NOTS TO ELICIT CLASHES AMONG THE HAVES IN THE HOPES OF BRINGING THE OTHER SIDE DOWN.
BUT!
...I BELIEVE THEY WANT BOTH AYAKASHIS AND DEMON SLAYERS TO STAMP EACH OTHER OUT.
!

...IT WEIGHS ON MY MIND TO THINK THAT WE MUST RELY ON THE STRENGTH OF YOUNGSTERS LIKE YOU, MY LADY.
DEMON-STRATING OUR POWER IS THE ONLY WAY OF PROVING OUR METTLE.
THE POLITICS HAVE ALL BEEN LEFT TO TSUCHI-MIKADO.
MY LADY ...
I WOULDN'T WANT SARASA-CHAN TO HOLD IT AGAINST ME IF HER PAPA GOT HURT.
OH, DEAR. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING RECKLESS OUT OF GUILT, ARE YOU?
AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'M FILLED WITH A SENSE OF SUPERIORITY OVER EVERYONE ELSE!
KABURAGI-SAN, DON'T YOU KNOW I'VE NEVER ONCE LAMENTED BEING BORN A JINGUUJI OR A DEMON SLAYER?

I'M A GREEDY WOMAN.
SO THAT I CAN SHINE EVEN MORE BRILLIANTLY ...
...I'M GOING TO MAKE *THAT* FRAGMENT TAKE ON THE DARKEST DARK.
...THEN MIND IF WE GET STARTED?
I'M NOT ACCUSTOMED TO BEING MADE TO WAIT. I'M GETTING THE ITCH TO JUST KILL EVERYBODY IF THIS KEEPS UP.

I'LL BE DEFENSE-LESS WHILE ENFORCING THE STRAY HOUSE...
...BUT STILL—
KOPO (BLUB)
KA FLASH

HAAAH...
GOOOOO (WHOOOO)
GOH (ZWOOSH)
HYU
HYU
DO (BOOM)
GOCA (BAM)
DO
DO
DO
ZUN (DWAM)
BON (BOFF)

!
BUWA (BWOOSH)
IT'S A FIRE!
F-FIRE-BALLS !?
NOT GOOD. CROWDS HAVE BEGUN TO FORM...
SHIZUKU, WHAT IS TAKING YOU!?
OOO (WHOOO)
GA (CLANG)
HUP!
FOR BEING THE BOOKISH TYPE, I AM SURPRISED AT HOW FAST YOU CAN MOVE, MILADY PRESIDENT!
HI-MARI!
KAYA! TAKE CARE OF THAT FOUR-EYED HUMAN FOR ME!
TO (TNK)
TA?..
TA (TMP)

DO WHAT YOU MUST, BUT DO NOT HURT HER.
ゴォォォォォ
GOOOOOO (WHOOOOOO)
GASHAN (CLANG)
THAT'S A HUMAN...? I THINK I CAN BEAT HER.
MILADY PRESIDENT IS OUR FRIEND, AND WE MUST HELP OUR FRIENDS.
EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM.
HIMARI...

I DON'T MEAN TO SAY THAT...
...THE OLD HIMARI, WHO WOULD CUT DOWN ANYTHING AND ANYONE AROUND HER LIKE A KNIFE WAS BETTER, BUT...
...DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE BURDENING YOURSELF WITH TOO MUCH, HIMARI?
AYA, SET ASIDE ALL THE BLADES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF YASU-TSUNA, FOR ME.
Under-stood.
AYA, YOU TAKE GOOD CARE OF HI-MARI!
But of course.
Himari-sama's decolletage is so cozy. ♡
YOU!! I'LL RIP YOU TO SHREDS FOR THAT LATER !!
BA (WHAP)
I'M OFF!
HERE, KITTY, KITTY, KITTY...

CATS ARE BRUTAL BEASTS...
BON (VOOMF)
BON
BON
RELEASE YOUR DEMONIC POWERS AND SHOW YOUR TRUE SELF ALREADY...
DO (BOOM)
BA (HOP)
HMPH. I DO BELIEVE I AM RATHER FORMIDABLE ENOUGH AS IT IS, DO YOU NOT AGREE?
DO
DO
DO
BAKYA (CRACK)
I ONLY WONDER IF A LOLITA LIKE YOU CAN EVEN COMPRE-HEND!!
ZA (SLASH)

WHAT!?
SHLN (FADE)
TO (TMP)
YOU LITTLE ...!
DOKA (BASH)
WAH-YAH!
...HOW AM I TO BEAT HER IF I CAN'T HURT HER? HIMARI !!
OOOON (WHOOOO)
SUTA (LAND)
A LONG LEGS-LONG ARMS, HM?
ZUN (STOMP)

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BELITTLE ME LIKE THAT, I'LL MAKE YOU PAY.
ALL YOU'RE DOING IS ATTACKING WITH SWORDS ...
GUOOO (ROOOAR)
...WHAT IS THAT THING?
SOME-THING FOUL.
WHO CAN SAY?
They most likely do not realize they are being used by the Nine-Tails.
POOR DEARS.
...Twilight Moon-sama should have terminated the ayakashi working for the Nine-Tails.
SPECU-LATING ON THEIR CIRCUM-STANCES IS SILLY.
THERE IS ONLY ONE THING FOR ME TO DO.
THIS MEANS THAT THERE WERE AYAKASHI ALREADY HIDING IN TAKAMIYA.

AND THAT IS TO BRANDISH MY SWORD OF SLAUGHTER UPON EVEN THE STRONGEST ENEMY FOR THE YOUNG LORD'S SAKE!!
HIMARI-SAMA...
KA (FLASH)

!!
THERE IT IS. YOU KEPT ME WAITING, SHIZUKU.
I KNEW IT. WHEN IT COMES TO YUUTO-SAMA, HIMARI-SAMA STOPS THINKING RATIONALLY.
!
FAIR-FACED NINE-TAILED FOX. YOU PITIFUL DOG.
THERE IS NO TOMOR-ROW FOR YOU.

KIIIIIN (VWEEEE)
LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEGUN.
WELL DONE, YOU LOLITA SNAKE
AN ALTERNATE DIMENSION THAT NO ONE CAN ENTER OR LEAVE.
WHY DO YOU INTER-FERE?
THE NINE-TAILS IS OUR LAST HOPE AGAINST THE HUMANS.
HUH? ARE YOU PLANNING ON STARTING A WAR OR SOMETHING?
YOU'D BE BETTER OFF JUST AVOIDING HUMANS AL-TOGETHER.

NO MATTER HOW THIS ENDS, JUST STAY ALIVE, YUUTO AMA-KAWA.
...HMPH.
ZA (ZSW)
I'M GOING TO TREAT MYSELF TO BUCKETS OF YOUR BLOOD AS MY REWARD.
...!
KUESU!
ZA (ZIP)
ZA
ZA
I'VE GOT A PAIR OF DEMON SLAYERS HERE.
HOW ABOUT I TAKE YOU BOTH ON AT ONCE?
HEAVENS ME, THAT'S A GOOD ONE.
BASA (FLAP)

MENAGERIE 58:
THE CATS' CONTENDING PURE LIPS

IF I BORROW HIS STRENGTH...
...I'LL DESTROY THIS ENTIRE PLANET.
GU (GRAB)
!!
OH, DEAR.
HMM EEE

...WHAT! ON! EARTH!
ZA (ZIP)
ZA
ZA
PICHA (LAP)
CHU (KISS)
NN... HFF.
GO (BONK)
SHU (SWISH)
...DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
SHU
AH HA HA! WELL SAID!
WHAT A STUNT TO PULL RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE OPPONENT YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT!
RINKO!?
I RAN MY BUTT OFF TO CATCH UP TO YOU, AND I FIND YOU SWAPPING SPIT IN FRONT OF THE ENEMY...
YURAA (LOOM)
ZA (ZSH)
WHAT THE —?
WHAT GIVES?

ZAAAAA (SSSSHHH)
ZON (VOOM)
BOCHUN (BOOOOM)

...THE FORCE FIELD IS UP, RIGHT?
SHE BLEW IT UP.
I THINK SO...
YUUTO AMAKAWA! RINKO KUZAKI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
GET AWAY AT ONCE!!
HUH? WAIT! I JUST GOT HERE.
SHE USED MY REAL NAME
KUESU ...
THE CLASS PRESIDENT'S BEEN TAKEN HOSTAGE, HAS SHE NOT!? GO AND SAVE HER!
IF YOU STAND THERE DUMBSTRUCK, YOU'LL ONLY GET IN MY WAY!!
...WAIT A SECOND.
HOLD IT. I MADE A PROMISE!
I SAID I'D WATCH YOUR BACK, KUESU!!

ISN'T NOW THE TIME!?
...THE WAY YOU ARE NOW, YUU-CHAN, YOU CAN'T.
!
BUT I DID STEAL A GOOD LUCK CHARM...
...WITH MY LIPS.

KUESU! DON'T YOU DARE DO ANYTHING CRAZY!
SWEAR IT!
PLEASE, AMAKAWA-KUN.
I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT KUESU'S RIGHT. WE HAVE TO SAVE THE CLASS PREZ.
SHIT!
BA (FWIP)
NOW GO!!
YOU'D BETTER GET THROUGH THIS SAFE AND SOUND!!
...OH, DEAR. YUU-CHAN.

BON
(FWOOOM)
YOU FORGET TO WHOM YOU'RE TALKING!

ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD LET HIM GO?
ZAAAA (ZOOM)
SEEING AS HOW YOU RELY ON PROJECTILES, I PLAN ON MAKING THIS A CLOSE-RANGE FIGHT!
...YOU WAITED ALL THAT TIME FOR ME, NO?
GIIN (TAAANG)
THEN I WILL MAKE THIS MORE THAN WORTH YOUR WHILE.
... WHAT!?
GHOST SWORD REPRO-DUCTION, "CALAD-BOLG."
DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD SUIT YOU TO BE PUT TO DEATH BY THE SWORD, JUST AS YOU WERE LONG AGO?
*CALADBOLG: THE LEGENDARY SWORD OF A FAMOUS HERO FROM IRISH MYTHOLOGY

YUUTO, RINKO... BE CAREFUL...
THE CAT AND FOX ARE ENGAGED IN BATTLE RIGHT NOW... YOU KNOW.
SHIZUKU, IS THAT YOU? GOT IT!
GOOOOOOO (WHOOOO)
...THAT MUST BE THEM.
YEP. WHAT IS THAT THING?
ZUN (STOMP)
HAH!
SFX: KOOOOOO (WHOOOO)
HI-MARI!
!
NOW SIT BACK AND WATCH.
SHA (SHNG)
OH, YOUNG LORD. YOU ARE SAFE.
YOUR ALLERGIES ARE GOING TO FLARE UP.
AGAIN WITH THE SLEAZY ATTIRE
THIS IS GRAND! I CAN FIGHT WITH NO REGARD FOR MY SURROUNDINGS!

ZAN
(SLASH)
HAAAAH
...
HI-
YAH!
KIIIIII
(VWEEEE)
GIN
(ZING)
GASA
(SWOOSH)
ZUUN
(STOMP)

GOOOOOO (WHOOOO)
WH-WHERE DID THE CAT PRINCESS GET THAT KINDA POWER ...?
HI-MARI, YOU...
NINE-TAILS-SAMA, PLEASE KEEP BACK.
I'M WHAT THEY WANT... CON-TINUE.
TO (TMP)
BASA (FWAP)
SA
NIKO (SMIRK)
BISHI (JAB)
WHOA !?
OOOO... (WHOOO)
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN TAKA-MIYA?
BA (STANCE)
WHAT HAVE YOU COME HERE FOR, DIMWIT?
SILENCE. YOU'RE SO UNRELIABLE, I CAME TO HELP HIMARI MYSELF!
KAYA-CHAN!
KAYA !?

...THAT GIRL THERE?
ZAAAA (SSSHHH)
HM? YEAH, I THINK YOU MEAN ...
KAYA-CHAN, YOU HAVEN'T SEEN A GIRL WITH SHORT HAIR AND GLASSES AROUND HERE, HAVE YOU?
A HUMAN, NOT AN AYAKASHI
...THE NINE-TAILS ISN'T PAYING ANY ATTENTION TO US AT ALL RIGHT NOW.
YET THIS ONE KEEPS ATTACKING US. SHE'S MOVING OF HER OWN VOLITION.
SHE'S RIDING ON A STINGRAY
...MM-HMM. THAT'S HER.
CLASS PREZ!!
I WAS JUST CONSIDERING DISPOSING OF HER.
LEAVE HER TO US!
SHE WON'T RESPOND TO ANYTHING I SAY. AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO SHE IS.

BEFORE, ON THE FERRIS WHEEL, I GOT HER TO COME TO HER SENSES!
IF WE CAN TOUCH HER DEEP DOWN, I'M SURE IT'LL WORK!
THAT'S RIGHT. TO PUT HER UNDER HER CONTROL AGAIN, THE NINE-TAILS WOULD NEED TO REDO THE SPELL.
I SEE. THEN WE HAVE TO SNAP HER BACK TO HER SENSES NOW.
NO, WE CAN'T DO THAT!
HM. WHY DON'T WE JUST NAB HER AND GIVE HER A QUICK WALLOP ON THE HEAD?
GOBAAAAA (SWOOOOOSH)
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO...BUT HERE SHE COMES.
OH NO!
WAH, WHOA!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE PUTTING YOUR HANDS!
GUNI (MOOSH)
DON (SHOVE)
AH!

GA (THUNK)
OOF!
GOUUU (ZWOOOOSH)
YUUTO!!
ZAAAAA (WHOOOOOSH)
BACHI (BZZT)
!
KIN (TIIING)
OH... CRAP!
GIN (GLARE)

SFX: ZA (SKID) ZA ZA ZA ZA
GUSHA (CRUSH)
PREZ!!
PAAN (STOMP)
HMPH
GAH!
GASHI (GRAB)
!

WHY, YOU ...!
BA (WHIP)
ZUGA (THWACK)
GA (GRAB)
SNAP OUT OF IT!

WAKE UP, PRESI-DENT!!
DAN (BANG)
SU (SWF)
...YOU FINALLY GOT HER PINNED, SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? YOU TWIT.
WHAT DO I DO? CAN I PULL THIS OFF USING THE LIGHT FERRY?
NO. IT MIGHT BE TOO DAN-GEROUS FOR HER BRAIN.

△ SHE CAN SEE EVERYTHING GOING ON INSIDE THE STRAY HOUSE.

!!!!!
YO.
WHERE'S THE CLASS PREZ!? .....
TA (TMP)
TA
TA
TA
TA
TA
YUUTO!
SFX: BUCHUUU (SMOOOOOCH)
UWOO-OOAH!!
OOOOO (WHOOOO)
テラスパリッス
HAND: ULTRA-BAD
SO YOU DID END UP WALLOPING HER!?
WHOA!
GO (BASH)
LIP-SMACKIN' SMACK-DOWN!!

...IF HE WENT THAT FAR AND YOU'RE STILL NOT BACK, I'M USING MY NAIL BAT NEXT.
YOU FOUR-EYED FUJOSHI!!
GAKU (SHAKE)
GAKU
WH...
UUUUNGH
OW...
URGH...
GYAAAAAHN!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A FUJOSHI!?
FURA (WOBBLE)
PREZ... I MEAN, YUU. ARE YOU REALLY BACK?
I'M FINE... I'M BACK, AND... I KIND OF REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED.
OH, SHE'S BACK?
PRESI-DENT!?

TAMA-SAN... WHO SHE REALLY IS...
...THE THINGS SHE MADE ME DO...
...AND...
!!!
GIN (GLARE)
WAH! WAH! MORE IMPOR-TANTLY!
YES.
IF WE LEAVE THEM TO THEIR OWN DEVICES...
...ONE OF THEM IS DEFINITELY GOING TO DIE.

GYARI (ZWIP)
KIN (TING)
HA! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE.
TO (TNK)
I SEE YOU ARE NOT HOLDING BACK WITHIN THIS STRAY HOUSE EITHER!
GODO... (BLOOD)

WHY DON'T YOU COOPERATE WITH NINE-TAILS-SAMA?
DIVEST YOURSELF OF THAT CONTRACT YOU HAVE WITH THE AMAKAWA.
I DO NOT CALL BEING EATEN "COOP-ERAT-ING"!
YOU ARE MERELY PAWNS. HEARING YOU FOOLS SPEAK THAT WAY MAKES ME LAUGH.
JAKI (KACHAK)
DON (BL'AM)
SHU (ZIP)
BISU (PING)
ZUSA (SWISH)

MENAGERIE 59: FLUTTERING SORCERESS, THE CAT'S MOMENT

AYA! GIVE ME EVERY-THING BESIDES YASU-TSUNA AND MY SHORT SWORD!
Yes, ma'am.
BA (HOP)
PISHAA (ZWIP)
DOSA (SPLAT)
GUH-FUH!
ZAAAAA (SSSSHHH)
DO (THUD)
DO
DO
DO
HAH!!

MORE.
GAGIN (CLANG)
GA (CLANK)
KIIN (TIING)
DO
DO
DO
DO
MORE.
AKAHARA! KURO-ZAKURA AND I WILL HANDLE THIS!
ROGER!
YOU GO FIND THE ONE CREATING THIS BAR-RIER!
MORE!

NINE-TAILS-SAMA!
WHAT IS WITH THIS CAT'S DEMONIC POWERS!?
IS THIS THE STRENGTH OF THE NOIHARA CRIMSON BLADE!?
YOUNG LORD.
NO MATTER WHAT, I AM THE YOUNG LORD'S CAT.
THIS SWORD DANCE IS FOR MY LORD AND MASTER.

KIIIN
KIIIN
BO (FWOOH)
KUH!
HMPH!
GOAAA (ZWOOOSH)

NICE TECH-NIQUE!
シュウウ
SHUUUU (SSSHHH)
IF I HAD TAKEN ITS FULL IMPACT, I WOULD BE IN TROUBLE.
GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO ABSORB AND NEGATE IT SHOWS YOU HAVE STRENGTH TO SPARE!
GIN (GLINT)
WHY DON'T I TAKE IT UP A NOTCH !?
ENJOY!
GOUN (VOOM)
BON (FWOOSH)
GUUH ...!
GUH... OH...
OOOO! (WHOOOO)
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...
TO (TMP)
PAAN (POP)
OHHHHHH!
...JUST AS I EXPECTED FROM A DEMON RING-LEADER.
HOW OVER-BLOWN OF YOU.
SAME TO YOU. THIS IS WORK FROM ONE DESERVING THE TITLE OF DEMON SLAYER!
.....

カキ!!
GAGIIN (KACLANG)
KEEP IT DOWN.
...THEY'RE IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT WORLD. WE CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO MEDDLE.
MY LADY, IF YOU USED YOUR TRUE POWERS ...

THIS FEELING OF ELATION IS UNLIKE WHAT I FELT WHEN I FOUGHT THE CAT AND SNAKE.
WHAT IS THIS...?
THEN, I WAS FILLED WITH NOTHING BUT DIS-TASTE.
BUT THIS TIME...
...I'M HAVING FUN.

HE ACKNOWL-EDGES MY POWER.
THE TWELVE FAMILIES AND THEIR ASSOCIATES HAVE ALWAYS TREATED THE JINGUUJI LIKE HERETICS.
(GAG!) (KACRACK)
AND AYAKASHI RIDICULED ME WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND STILL HAD NO POWER.

OF ALL THE ENEMIES I'VE EVER FACED, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THE FIRST ONE TO EVER ACKNOWLEDGE MY TRUE STRENGTH IS ONE OF JAPAN'S THREE GREATEST DEMONS.

...I LOSE EVERY-THING.
MY FUTURE WITH YUU-CHAN WILL CRUMBLE AND VANISH.
FOR THAT REASON ALONE, IF I LOSE THIS FIGHT...
GUH-HAH!
BOON (FWOOSH)
SUCH DETER-MINA-TION.
I HATE TO ADMIT TO MY-SELF THAT YOU ARE STILL ONLY HUMAN.
ZUOO (VWOOOM)
BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET THAT HAPPEN!
MUKA (IRK)
KUH ...

I AM HUMAN!
AND I AM THE DEMON SLAYER WHO CRUSHES AYAKASHI AND WILL WALK BESIDE YUUTO AMA-KAWA!
THAT SUITS ME JUST FINE.
IT GIVES ME A REAL REASON TO DEFEAT YOU!
THIS GIRL HAS A FIERCE WILL AND CLEAR EYES.
I'VE SEEN THE LIKES OF THOSE EYES BEFORE ...
YES. IT WAS IN THE CAPITAL, WHEN I WAS RUNNING WITH THAT PACK.

WE HAD ABDUCTED TWO TOWN GIRLS...
ONE WAS A GIRL WITH IMPRES-SIVE SPIRIT.
IN ORDER TO SAVE THE OTHER, SHE RASHLY CHALLENGED ME TO A ONE-ON-ONE FIGHT.
ITS OUTCOME WAS KNOWN FROM THE START.
BRAVE THOUGH SHE MAY HAVE BEEN, SOME MERE GIRL CHILD HAD NO CHANCE AT BESTING ME.
EVEN SO, I WAS TOUCHED BY HER GRIT AND HAD DECIDED TO LET HER FRIEND GO FREE.
SHE CHOSE TO FOLLOW HER FRIEND WHO HAD TRIED TO PROTECT HER AND TOOK HER OWN LIFE.
BUT THE ODDEST THING HAP-PENED.

WHAT A FOOLISH GIRL. IF SHE HAD ONLY LIVED, SHE COULD HAVE DONE THINGS DIFFERENTLY.
BUT I FEEL LIKE I SAW THE TRUE ESSENCE OF HUMANS THEN AND THERE.
UNTIL THAT DAY.
IF HUMANS HAVE NOT CHANGED THEIR DIRTY WAYS, I WILL CRUSH THEM MERCILESSLY ONCE MY RESTORATION IS COMPLETE.
HYU (WHOOSH)
ZUDO (BASH)
WILL YOU BE THE ONE TO PROVE ME WRONG?
DEMON SLAYER WITH THE EYES OF THAT GIRL FROM THE PAST?
KOFF!

BASHI (BASH)
GIIN (CLANG)
BA (BZZT)
BA
BARI (ZAP)
THAT'S ...
AN AMBUSH? HOW NAIVE OF THEM.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!? THIS IS MY FIGHT !!
DO (DIVE)
I WON'T INTER-RUPT!
EVEN A DIVE-BOMB ATTACK FROM THAT ANGLE WOULDN'T FALL INTO MY BLIND SPOT.

NOT GOOD!
ZA (ZSH)
ZA
DAMN!!
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GORO (BLOOP)
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...I KNEW IT.
SO SHE'S NOT GOING TO IGNORE ME...YOU KNOW.
DON (BLAM)
ド
SHOOT IT DOWN!
YES, SIR!
DON
DON
DON

DOSHU (SHNK)
GOBO (BLOOP)
KAH-HAH ...!
KOON (ZASH)
GOOOO (WHOOOOSH)
BISU (PEW)
BISU
THERE SHE IS, THE MIZU-CHI!
NOT YET ...!
THEY'RE GETTING JUST AS DESPER-ATE!
DON (BLAM)
DO (BANG)
THE BULLETS ARE HITTING THEIR MARK! BUT IT'S NOT GOING DOWN!

BAKI (CRACK)
IF I DON'T DO SOME-THING, THE FORCE FIELD WILL FAIL...
AND THAT SNAKE...
TCH ...!
!?
DOKA (THUD)
BA (HOP)

WHY AM I DOING THIS ALL FOR SOME AYAKASHI!?
BO GRWOOM

DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON THE ENEMY IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIGHT TO THE DEATH !!

ナ!!
BON
(BLOOSH)

MENAGERIE 60: THE CAT'S SMALL MAGIC GOES ON

BISHA (SPLASH)
TO (TMP)
GUH ...
KOFFI
HAH... UH...
KAH-HAH ...!
BUBA (BLORD)
PI (FLICK)
M-MY LADY!!
IF I WERE A NORMAL HUMAN, THIS WOULD HAVE KILLED ME IN-STANTLY... BUT—
KUH ...

MENAGERIE 60: THE CAT'S SMALL MAGIC GOES ON

THIS... THIS IS A MOST DISAPPOINTING TURN OF EVENTS.
WHY IN THE WORLD DID YOU DO SUCH A THING ...
...HM, TWILIGHT MOON? OR RATHER, KUESU JINGUUJI.
SHUT UP. SHUT UP. SHUT UP.
I'M SO HOT... OR AM I COLD?
NOW I'VE REALLY DONE IT TO MY BODY...
HOW CAN MY TISSUE BE SO DAMAGED ...?
...GO AHEAD AND BREATHE YOUR LAST NOW.
AM I DONE FOR?
I'LL BE SENDING YOUR BOY AND THE CAT ALONG RIGHT BEHIND YOU.
HIMARI ...
MROWR!!
YUU-CHAN.

*LÆVATEINN IS A WEAPON, LIKELY A SWORD, FROM NORSE MYTH.

(WHOO)

ZUBA (ZAAPP)
ZUOO (ZWOOSH)
GWAH... AH! ...!!
PACHA (SPLISH)

NRRRAAA-
AUUUGH!!
GOAAAAAA
(BLAAAAST)
OOO-
ORGH
!!!
GUH-
WHOA-
AAAH!

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(WHOOOOO...
...
KUESU
...?
GOOO
(VWSH)
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EEK!
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SHUTEN
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...I
WOULD
EXPECT
NO
LESS.
WELL
DONE,
KUESU.

KUH...
ZUKI (THROB)
ズキ…
YUUTO !?
AMA-KAWA-KUN?
DA (DASH)
ダッ
HAAH... HAAH.
ULUGH..... HAAH.
YORO (STAGGER)
よろ…
GOOOO (WHOOO)
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GAKU (JERK)
ガクッ
MY LADY!

MY LADY, HANG IN THERE!
FURA (SWAY)
DOSA (THUD)
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...I DID IT. IT WAS... A PIECE OF CAKE.
AN EASY WIN...
...I'M SORRY. I WAS OF NO USE TO YOU AT ALL...
THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU NOW, IS IT...?
APOLO-GIZING... AT THE DROP OF A HAT...
ZAAAAAA (SSSSHHH)
.....
KUESU... JINGUUJI.
PASHA (SPLISH)
!

I'M JUST AN AYAKASHI...
...YOU'RE SO DUMB... YOU KNOW.
OH, PLEASE. ...IT WAS MY FAULT FOR BEING SO CARELESS... THIS IS WHAT I GET...
SHIZUKU-SAN, RELEASE THE BARRIER AT ONCE!!
SNAKE !!
IT'S NO USE. I CAN'T GET HOLD OF ANYONE!
KUESU, I WON'T LIE TO MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER... YOU KNOW.
YOU'RE MORTALLY WOUNDED. IT'S TOO MUCH EVEN FOR ME TO HEAL...
HEH-HEH... YOU'RE A HUNDRED YEARS AHEAD OF YOURSELF... IF YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO SAVE ME, AYAKASHI.
IF YOU DO THAT NOW, YOU KNOW JUST HOW MUCH DAMAGE...
...TAKA-MIYA WOULD SUSTAIN, DON'T YOU?

KUH ...
I WONDER... HOW IT IS...THAT I'M STILL ALIVE.
HEH...HEH...
HE TOOK A HUGE CHUNK OUT OF MY SIDE...
...EITHER WAY, I DON'T HAVE LONG ...
KUESU!!
YUU... CHAN?
WH-WHOA...
WH-WHAT IS ALL THIS BLOOD ...?
HFF!
HFF!
ZA (ZSH)

AMA-KAWA-KUN...
WHY'D IT END UP LIKE THIS...? SHIZUKU! KABU-RAGI-SAN! WHERE IS THE AMBU-LANCE!?
WHAT HAPPENED HERE!? KUESU, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!? HANG IN THERE!
HEH-HEH. YOUR VOICE...IS TOO LOUD, YUU-CHAN...
IT'S ALL 'COS OF ME... YOU KNOW.
...I'M SORRY, YUUTO ...
WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN!?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT. JUST HURRY UP!!
IF WE DON'T DO SOME-THING, KUESU WILL ...!!

YUU-CHAN.
YOU'RE MAKING A RACKET...
SO (SWF)
AH...
MM...!
KIN (GLEAM)

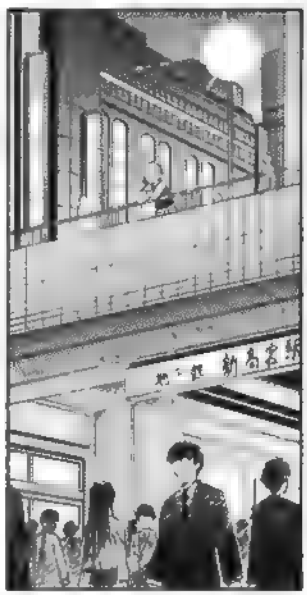
...KUESU, JUST NOW...
I SULLIED... YOUR LIPS WITH...MY BLOOD...
VWEEEE
...!
NOW... I NO LONGER CARE IF YOU HAVE A CAT...
KOFF!
I DON'T LIKE IT, BUT... I SUPPOSE I CAN ALLOW YOU JUST ONE FELINE.
LISTEN TO ME... YUUTO AMAKA-WA.
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU'RE STILL—

I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND YOUR DESIRE TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH AYA-KASHI...
BUT IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT...
...THEN ACCEPT ALL THAT THAT ENTAILS... THE GOOD AND THE BAD...
HITSUGI WAS RIGHT... ALL I WANTED WAS POWER... THE END PRODUCT...
BUI (BLUP)
HEH-HEH... BUT WHAT DID I GAIN FROM IT ANYWAY ...?

I KNOW! I KNOW ALREADY, SO DON'T SAY ANY MORE. JUST LIE STILL!
AMA-KAWA-KUN!
KOFF!
I'M...FINE. ...THE GREAT... KUESU-SAMA WON'T BE BEATEN SO EASILY...
... PLEASE JUST LISTEN.
BUT —!
OH NO... ARE YOU CRYING ...?
YUU-CHAN... YOU'RE SUCH...A WORRY-WART.

KUESU! KUESU!
BUT... I DON'T MIND YOU... HOLDING... ME...

I'M FINE... I'M... ALL... RIGHT...
YUU... CHAN... MOTH... ER...
HUH ...?



SIGN: NEW TAKAMIYA SUBWAY STATION

CAT...YOUR WHITE LIGHT AS A GUARDIAN MUST SHINE ON.

As you wish.
...GIVE IT TO ME NOW, AYA.
THE YASU-TSUNA.
GARAN (CLATTER)
YOU FOOL...
WERE NOT YOU THE ONE WHO WOULD DEFEAT ME?
NOW I SHALL FIGHT TO AVENGE HER AS WELL.

GOOOOOOOOOO (WHOOOOO)
BASHUN (FWOOSH)
ZA (ZSH)
...THERE WAS ANOTHER FIGHT GOING ON ACROSS TOWN, RIGHT?
WAIT. IS THERE SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT THE CAT PRINCESS?
SHURIN (SHWP)

MENAGERIE 61: I CAN'T GO BACK TO THE CAT WHO DREAMS

DEAD ...!?
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THE TRACES OF THEIR POWERS VANISHED SUDDENLY.
NATU-RALLY, HIMARI MUST ALSO HAVE SENSED IT.
HUH? ...YEAH, SHUTEN-DOUJI AND...
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THEY'RE BOTH DEAD.
NO WAY...
KUESU.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE S'POSED TO BE CRAZY ABOUT YUUTO.
YOU WOULDN'T JUST LET YOUR-SELF GO AND GET KILLED.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

MENAGERIE 61: I CAN'T GO BACK TO THE CAT WHO DREAMS

I SHALL TEAR YOU APART.
KI (GLARE)
GOBAA (ZWAAASH)
ZA (ZSH)
KIN (TWANG)
BOTH AYAKASHI AND DEMON SLAYER WERE SURELY PREPARED FOR WHAT BEFELL THEM.
I DO NOT THINK THEY WOULD HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS.
HYUUUUUU (WHOOOOO)

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DOGOO (KABOOM)
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BOHYU (BLAST)
キーン
KIN
ゴォォ
GOOOOO (WHOOOO)
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NINE-TAILS-SAMA! KUROZA-KURA!!
...YOU ARE NO LONGER ENOUGH FOR THIS MATCH-UP...
BACK DOWN.
YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU ARE?
BIN (BING)
BUWAA (BOOF)
SHUPA (SWOOOSH)
しっぽ

...WELL, WELL.
DONNED A RATHER FANCY ENSEMBLE NOW, HAVE WE?
...BY YOUR STANDARDS, PERHAPS.
オ オ (WHOOOO) オ オ オ
HI-MARI ...
IT'S LIKE A REAL MONSTER BATTLE
NOIHARA-SAN. TAMA-SAN...
NOT TO WORRY. HIMARI WILL REIGN VICTORI-OUS!

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OOOO (WHOOOO)
KUESU... I'M SORRY.
...WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT THE LIGHT FERRY ...?
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BOU (GLOW)
WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT BEING A DEMON SLAYER ...?
PAAAA (GLOOOOW)

I COULDN'T DO A SINGLE THING ...!!
KUESU WAS ALWAYS SO SURE OF HERSELF.
I NEVER DREAMED THINGS WOULD END LIKE THIS...
SHIT!!
GA (BASH)
DAMMIT ...!
...

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT... DON'T BLAME YOURSELF... YOU KNOW.
SHE'S RIGHT. WE ALSO COULDN'T DO ANY-THING FOR HER.
BUT! I SHOULD HAVE KEPT MY PROMISE TO WATCH HER BACK!!
SHE HAD NO INTENTION OF LETTING YOU FIGHT!
SHE KNEW THAT YOU LACKED THE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING TO TAKE ON ONE OF JAPAN'S TOP THREE DEMONS!
THEN WHY...
...
...AM I HERE ...!?

KABU-RAGI-SAN!?
WE HAVEN'T BEEN STRAIGHT WITH YOU.
WE THOUGHT THAT...
...IF YOU GOT INVOLVED, WE COULD HAND THE NOIHARA CRIMSON BLADE OVER TO THE NINE-TAILS...
AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT WE THOUGHT.
!!
SHE USED THE REVIVAL OF HER FAMILY AS AN EXCUSE, BUT...
...I'M SURE SHE WANTED YOU TO SEE.
...HA HA...SO THAT'S...
SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS...

YUUTO ...
KUESU... HIMARI...
IT ENDS HERE...
ZA
ZA
BON (FWOOSH)
BO (FWOOM)
ZA
ZA (ZIP)

GASU (BANG)
DOKA (THUD)
WAH, WAH, WAH!
KYAA-AAH!
DOGOO (KABOOM)
KIN (TING)
BO
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS!?
WHAT IS THE POINT TO ALL THIS FIGHTING !?
PLEASE STOP IT, TAMA-SAN!
YOU TOO, HIMARI. LAY DOWN YOUR SWORD!
DO YOU REALLY MEAN TO KEEP GOING UNTIL YOU KEEL OVER AND DIE!?
MILADY PRESI-DENT...
THE TIME YOU SPENT IN MY HOUSE, WASN'T IT QUIET AND PEACEFUL!?

I KNOW YOU GOT COZY WITH ALL THAT.
SO WHY WOULD YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO DESTROY IT ALL!?
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT ALL THOSE NEGATIVE FEELINGS!?
DIDN'T YOU HAVE FUN GOING TO THE MOVIES AND VISITING THE AMUSEMENT PARK!?
EATING SNACKS, PLAYING GAMES ...
WASN'T THAT FUN!?
YOU EVEN SAID SO YOURSELF, HOW DELICIOUS CREPES ARE!!
HUH? YOU'RE HUNGRY?
OH, DEAR. THERE ARE NO AYAKASHI AROUND HERE TO FEED YOU.

...
...WHAT IF I ATTACK A CHILD WHOSE FLESH ISN'T TOO FOUL SMELLING. WOULD YOU EAT IT?
NO GOOD. WE WOULD ATTRACT TOO MUCH ATTENTION.
WE'D BETTER KEEP OUR HEADS DOWN UNTIL YOU'VE FULLY REGAINED YOUR POWER...
OH?
モキュ
MOKYU (MUNCH)
IT'S A SNACK CALLED A CREPE.
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE VERY SWEET AND TASTY.
ほわあ
HOWAA (BLUSH)

BESIDES, IMITATING THE HUMAN WAY OF LIFE HAS ITS PERKS.
IT MAY BE EXASPERATING, BUT LET'S BLEND INTO THE HUMAN SCENE FOR A WHILE.
OH, MY. SUITS YOUR TASTES, I TAKE IT?
I'M GLAD.
GAFU (MMPH)
GAFU
ESPECIALLY IF YOU LOOK LIKE THAT. YOU REALLY PULL OFF THE CUTE LITTLE GIRL SO WELL, TAMA-SAN.
PERO (LICK)
SHUTEN ...
KYU (GRIT)

WHO CARES WHO'S AN AYAKASHI AND WHO'S A DEMON SLAYER? FIGHTING TO THE DEATH IS JUST PLAIN CRAZY! ONCE YOU'RE DEAD, IT'S OVER!!
LET'S GO HOME, TAMA-SAN.
OKAY?
HYUU (WHOO)
SI-LENCE ...
GUOOO (VWHOOOOO)
SILENCE ...!!

GOOO (VOOOSH)
YUUTO.
GOUN (VWOOM)
UWAAH! THIS IS REALLY BAD NEWS! I CAN'T DEFEND AGAINST SOMETHING LIKE THAT OFF THE GROUNDS!!
TAMA-SAN...
GAGIN (KACLANG)
!!

GUOOOO (WHOOOOSH)
ARE YOU IDIOTS?
THE PERSON YOU WERE TRYING TO PERSUADE WAS ABOUT TO DISPOSE OF YOU...!
GOOOO
H-HIMARI!?
GUH ...!
YOU LITTLE ...!
GAKIN (ZING)
GOOO
GWAH ...!
HIMARI!!

!
...YOU!
BASHI (CATCH)
SO RINKO AND THE PRESIDENT'S PASSIONATE ARGUMENTS FELL ON DEAF EARS, FAIR-FACED NINE-TAILED FOX?
JIN (ZING)
THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN YOUR LAST CHANCE.

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IF YOU'RE GOING TO SHED TEARS OF REMORSE, THEN I'LL SEND YOU OFF TO MEET THE JINGUUJI GIRL.
コキ"!
KOKI (KRIK)
...BOY, I MEAN BUSINESS NOW.
ALL I WANTED WAS A WORLD WHERE I COULD LIVE EVERY DAY NORMALLY WITHOUT LOSING ANYBODY.
I'D EVEN BE FINE GETTING ORDERED AROUND.
...IT'S NOT THAT I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL IN PARTICULAR.
YOU GET ME, TAMAMO-NO-MAE?
BUT *THIS* IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I'M SHELTERED. 'COS IT TURNS OUT I DON'T KNOW A THING.
...HAD ENOUGH.
I'VE...

KAYA-SAMA, YUUTO-SAMA IS...
HMPH!
YUUTO ...
AMA-KAWA-KUN...
KINDNESS WILL BE THE DEATH OF YOU.
AND NO ONE CAN HATE THOSE WHO FALL PREY TO IT...
AREN'T YOU A LUCKY BOY?
IS THAT... SO?
YOU LIVE UP TO YOUR NAME.

*THE KANJI IN YUUTO'S NAME MEAN "GENTLE PERSON."

HIMARI, LEND ME YOUR SHORT SWORD.
YOU ...!
ARE YOU CERTAIN? YOU...
PLEASE, JUST STOP COVERING MY EYES ALREADY!
SO LONG AS I HAVE YOU.
YOU ARE NOT ONLY TO GUARD YUUTO.
TRAINING HIM AND GUIDING HIM DOWN THE PATH TO ADULTHOOD IS ALSO YOUR RESPON-SIBILITY.
AS OF TODAY, YOU ARE A DEMON SLAYER.

ZU (ZWF)
.....

...IF YOU DIE, I SHALL BE TERRIBLY ENRAGED.
I SHALL BECOME A SOBBING MASS OF RAGE.
I CAN'T DIE 'COS THAT'S WHAT I'M MOST AFRAID OF.
I WOULDN'T WANT KUESU TO PUNCH ME FOR IT EITHER.

HYU (WSH)
INDEED... I CANNOT YET SEND THE YOUNG LORD TO GRAND-FATHER GEN'S RESTING-PLACE.
ZA (ZSH)
HERE WE GO!!
SHIZUKU. LEND ME SOME WATER.
AS YOU WISH... YOU KNOW.
SUUU (INHALE)

GA
(SHNK)
DON
(BOOM)
KIN
(GLINT)
BUSHAAAA
(GUUUUUUSH)

ZA (ZIP)
ZA
ZA
ZA
!
...THE LOT OF YOU WILL BURN.
BO (FWOOMO
HUH? WAIT! THERE'S A TON OF YUUTOS!
ARE THEY CLONES ...?
GIMME ONE!
GUN (BOOOSH)

ALL FOUR WERE WATER ...!
WHICH MEANS ...
JUO (BLAZE)
JUUU (SIZZLE)
SUSHA (SLICE)
PASHA (SPLISH)
...HE'S BEHIND M...

KIN (TING)
PISHI (CRACK)
!!
IN FRONT ...?
HA!
BA (WHIP)
TOO BAD...
...BOY.
KUH!
BOOM (B-AST)
PACHA (SPLISH)

ZAAAAA (SSSSHHH)
WHAT THE...
AAAAA (SSSHHH)
RAAAAAH!!
GA (GRAB)

HE... HE GOT HER!?
BUT HE'S SO STUPID!
HE ACTUALLY DID IT
YUUTO-SAMA...
WELL? TAMA-MO-NO-MAE!!
ARE YOU READY!?
BACHI (ZAP)
GIIIH!!

GYAAA-AAH!!!
BA (FWIP)
WELL DONE, YOUNG LORD!
ZA (ZSH)
ZA (ZIP)
ZA
ZA
I SHALL DELIVER THE FINAL BLOW!!
TAMA-SAN!
HIMARI !?
トン
TON (BLIMP)

DON
(SLASH)
WHAT ...!?

...SHU... TEN?
HOW!? YOU SHOULD BE...!
...MY. SO YOU CAN EVEN CUT ASTRAL BODIES.
YOU REALLY DO BREAK ALL THE RULES.
LINGERING AFFECTION... IS THIS A VESTIGE OF YOUR DEMONIC AURA?
WHAT'S GOING ON!? I THOUGHT KUESU KILLED HIM...
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? WHEN IT COMES TO THE TOP AYAKASHI, IT'S NEAR IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLETELY DESTROY THEIR SOULS EVEN IF THEIR FLESH IS NO MORE.
UPON HIS DEFEAT, A FRAGMENT OF HIS SOUL REMAINS. SO EVENTUALLY, HE WILL REVIVE AFTER ENOUGH CENTURIES HAVE PASSED.
JUST AS HE HAS DONE ONCE ALREADY.

SHUUUU (SSSHHH)
THEY ARE MORE POWER-FUL THAN THEY LOOK.
WE SOLD THIS BUNCH SHORT.
TAMA-SAN... PLEASE MAKE YOUR ESCAPE.
!
...I HOPE I CAN BE BY YOUR SIDE AGAIN.
IF I AM EVER REVIVED...

THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR IT.
BUT PLEASE DON'T FORGET.
BOY, I KNOW I SAID SOME PRETTY ARROGANT THINGS TO YOU.
SHU-TEN... DOUJI.

WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, *THIS* IS WHAT PROTECTING AND BEING PROTECTED IS ALL ABOUT.
...!!
...ONCE AGAIN, 'TIS YASU-TSUNA.
SHAAAAA (SSSHHH)
QUITE... BUT THIS TIME, IT IS A BETTER DEATH.

WELL, KITTY-SAN...I MEAN ...
... NOIHARA CRIMSON BLADE, HIMARI-SAN... IF YOU WOULD DO THE HONOR.
.....
SHUTEN-DOUJI.
BA (WHIP)
WAIT ...!!

...FARE-WELL.
ZAN (SLASH)
YOU AND I ARE ALIKE.

GOOD-BYE, TAMA-SAN.
Iooo
!
HOW DARE YOU !!?
GAKI (CLANG)
DOKA (THUNK)
UWAAA-AAAAH!!

HOW DARE YOU !!?
KUWA (SNARL)
くわっ
TCH ...!
GOAAA (GAAAPE)
!!
GABU (CHOMP)

YOUNG LORD!?
OW... NOW YOU GET ALL PISSED OFF, TAMA-MO-NO-MAE?
BUSHU (SPLORT)
GOK! (CRACK)
I'M THE ONE WHO'S CRUSHED FROM LOSING KUESU!!
PAKI (CRACK)
GUCHU (SPLORT)
BICHI (SOAK)
HFF!
YOU WON'T GET ANY PITY FROM ME NOW!
HFF!
TAMA-SAN! STOP IT!!
GOCHU (SPLCHD)
BUCHI (SNAP)
GUUH
YUUTO, YOU'RE BLEEDING!!
THAT'S ENOUGH, YOU TWO!
DA (DASH)
RINKO !?
YOUNG LORD...
SHE BIT THE YOUNG LORD...
THE YOUNG LORD...!
ZUGU (RIP)

TO BE CONTINUED...

VOLUME TEN REALLY DRIVES A NAIL INTO THE HEART. I SHOULD'VE DONE SOMETHING TO COMMEMORATE REACHING DOUBLE DIGITS, BUT INSTEAD THIS VOLUME TURNED OUT TO BE FULL OF TWISTS AND TURNS, THE LIKES OF WHICH WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE. THIS STORY'S ALWAYS BEEN HEAVY ON THE BABES AND HAREM ANTICS, BUT WHEN IT ALL COMES DOWN TO IT, ***OMAMORI HIMARI*** HAS, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF VOLUME ONE, INCLUDED ELEMENTS OF BLOODY BATTLES. THERE ARE NO LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHTS HERE. NO SAFE FIGHTS. THAT'S WHY I, MATRA, MUST DRAW IT WHILE FIGHTING WITH MY PROCLIVITIES AND MANNERISMS, ALL IN THE HOPES THAT MY INTENTIONS COME THROUGH IN THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S).

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